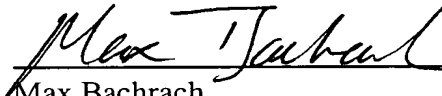


uncover art relevant to the methods of Group II as well as those of Group I. For this reason, it is believed that the examination of all of the pending claims would not impose an unreasonable burden on the Examiner, and that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, §803.01 (August 2001).

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